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for the year ending

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ANNUAL SESSION
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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY
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Easton, Pennsylvania October 19, 1847

The Synod of New Jersey met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with a sermon from Acts 11:23- by the Rev. Joseph W. Ogden, the Moderator.

After public worship the Synod was constituted by prayer.

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From the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Williamson	1st. Ch. E. Town	Joseph L. Mosker
Mr. Hunt	2nd Ch. E. Town	
Mr. Halsey	Chester	John Stryker
Mr. Chester	Lanington	
Mr. Flauvelt	1st. Morristown	
Mr. Ogden	2nd Morristown	
Mr. Huntting	Chatham Village	Ja. Parsil
Mr. Murray	Westfield	Isaac French
Mr. J. Cory	Raskingridge	
Mr. W. Cory	Connect. Farm	John C. Lum
Mr. Street	Liberty Corner	
Mr. Iabrie	Mt. Olive	
	1st. Woodbridge	
	2nd Woodbridge	
	Plainfield	
	New Providence	
	Nov Vernon	
	Perth Amboy	
	Rahway	
	Paterson	
	Elizabeth Port	
	Springfield	
	Lanington	Benj. McLowell

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Comfort	Risington	
Dr. Janeway	Trenton 1st.	Abner Cudder
Dr. Cogswell	Princeton	Isaac Cuder
	Middletown Pt.	
Mr. C. Webster	1st. Cranbury	
Mr. Rodgers	Boundbrook	
Mr. Perkins	Allentown	Geo. Lincoln
Mr. Davison	South Trenton	
	New Brunswick	Saml. Baker
Mr. D.V. McLean	Village Ch. Free.	
Mr. Blythe	2nd Cranbury	
Mr. Van Horn	Grainhold	
Mr. Mahon	Lawrence	L. J. Phillips
Mr. Hale	Pennington	Nath. S. Titus
Mr. Van Orsdalen	Dutch Neck	
	Kottinhan	
	Shrewsbury	
	Trenton City	Saml. Roberts
	2nd Ch. Upper Free.	
	Titusville	Geo. Huff
	2nd New Brunswick	
	Colored Ch. Princeton	
	Manchester	
	Plattsburgh	

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Shafer	Wansfield	Thomas Barber
Mr. Eastman	Newton	John Nyce
Dr. Gray	Newton	Charles Citzelaves
Dr. Junkin	Smithfield	Henry Titonigher
Mr. Van Dervoer	Husconetong Valley	Isaac W. Carpenter
Mr. Johnston	Ellen Township	James Kennedy
Mr. Junkin	Stillwater 1st.	
Mr. Clark	Stillwater 2nd	
	Harmony	Jacob Eline
Mr. Lewis	Lower Mt. Bethel	John Connelly
Mr. Morrel	Fox Hill	Geo. J. Jacolius
Mr. Carroll	Hardwick	Wm. E. Vail
Mr. McMillan	Marzaborough	
Mr. Townley		
Mr. Scribner	Oxford	Joshua Smith
Mr. Knox	Upper Mt. Bethel	
Mr. Field	German Valley	Henry I. Hoffman
Mr. Nasson	Hackettstown	James H. Gray
Mr. Irwin	Knowlton	

Presbytery of Newton (cont)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Fully	Bolvinsere	Wm. C. Morris
Mr. Magie		
Mr. Riley	Stroudsburgh	John Melvin
Mr. Talmage	Denville	
Mr. St. John	Durham	Morgan Long
Mr. McCandless	Scott's Mountain	
Mr. Oakley		
	Greenwich	John Robbins
	Blainstown	Phillip Sand

Presbytery of Hariton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Dr. Kirkpatrick	Anwell United Ist.	
	Anwell 2nd.	
Dr. Studdiford	Lambertsville	John Wilson
Mr. Williams	Salebury	
Mr. Sherwood	Pleasant Grove	W. C. Stevens
Mr. Porter	Lower German Valley	
Mr. Carroll	Flemington	
	Clinton	
Mr. Hunt	Milford	
Mr. Burroughs		
	Kingwood	Peter Thompson
	Anwell 6th	
	Anwell 1st.	Peter C. Schneck

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
	Friendsville	
	Warren	
	Welsh	
	Orwell	
	Rome	
	Athens	
	Wells	
	Columbia	
	Windham	
	Crawfordsville	
	Elkland	
	Troy	
	Ganton	
	Towanda	Wm. North
	Tysox	
	Wyalusing	
	Waintown	

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Hunt	Wilkesbarre	
Mr. Dorrance	Kingston	
Mr. Prince	Hanover	
Mr. Webster	Berwick	
Mr. Moore	Conynghan	
Mr. Mitchell	Beaver Meadow	Phillip M. Kinsey
Mr. Park	Tunkhannock	Geo. W. Faith
	Summit Hill	
	Port Carbon	
	Lackawanna	
	Northmoreland	
	Falls	
	Tamaqua	Geo. W. Faith

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mr. Lawrence	Pittsboro	
Mr. James	Burlington	
Mr. Helme	Blackwoodtown	
	Greenwich	
	Cold Spring	
	Bridgeton	Henry J. Lupton
	Salem	Geo. C. Daisey
	Cedarville	
	Millville	
	Merfield	
	Williamstown	
	Woodbury	
	St. Holly	
	Colombus	
	May's Landing	
	Camden	

The Statistical Reports from the several Presbyteries composing this year were presented and accepted, and are as follows: viz., (on file).

Messrs. Dalley and Mr. Candler of the Presbytery of Newton and Mr. John Furroughs of Presbytery of Maritan being present took their seats as members of Synod.

The Rev. D.A. Junkin was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. S. A. Rodgers and the Rev. C. F. Wolfe were chosen Clerks.

Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod convened, when the Rev. Carl Beach Jones preached a sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions from Math. 10:3 agreeably to the appointment made at the last meeting of Synod.

Reasons were given for the non attendance of Messrs. Bond and English of Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, Mr. R. Taylor and Chas. F. Morrel of Presbytery of New Brunswick and Mr. Janvier of Presbytery of West Jersey which were sustained.

Messrs. Harris, Minister, and Jacob Lollyer from Church in Wasington of Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, Mr. Maclean and Dodge, Mr. Hall, Ministers and Messrs. John A. France from Church at Roundbrook and Samuel Roberts, Trenton, Elders from Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. Conklin, Minister from Presbytery of Weston, Messrs. Miller and Curran and Dr. van Rensselaer, Minister and Ivan L. Evans from Church St. Holly and John Scott from Church Columbus, West Jersey appeared in Synod and gave reasons, etc.

Rev. Nehemiah Butler of Synod of his district being present invited to sit as corresponding member.

Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning October 20, 9 o'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last Session of the Synod were read.

Rev. James Denton of Presbytery of Elizabeth Town appeared in Synod and gave, etc.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read when members of Synod then absent and now present gave reasons, etc.

On motion it was resolved, that the salary of the Stated Clerk hereafter be \$30.00 per annum.

A letter from Rev. John O. Bush was recorded giving reasons for non attendance at present meeting of Synod which was sustained.

The Moderator appointed the following committees viz.,

Bills and Overtures

Messrs. Ogden, Lythe, Williams, Miller, Mitchell, Clark, Ministers and

Messrs. McDowell, Scudder, Stevens, Morris, L. I. Smith, North and Ramsey, Elders.

Judicial Committee

Dr. Jenney, Messrs. Huntting, (Miss), Shroob, Dr. Chafer, Messrs. Foster, Corning and Fairance, Ministers and

Messrs. Stryker, J. M. Schenck, Kennedy, Wilson, Lubin, Pizan, Elders.

Presbyterial Records

Elizabeth Town Dr. Junkin, Helm, Ministers and Tobbins, Elder

New Brunswick Rev. Webster, Jeger, Ministers and French, Elder

Raritan Townley and Morris and Titus, Elders

Newton B. Cary, Carroll, Ministers and I. Baker, Elder

West Jersey H. V. Hunt, (of Elizabeth Town) Scribner and Phillips, Elder

Luzerne T. V. McLean and Tully and Connolly, Elder

Susquehanna Hale and Chester and Malvin, Elder

To Report on Treasurer's Book

S. Baker and J. W. Carpenter

On Leave of Absence

Studdiford, J. Cary and Mahon, Ministers

Tail, Ramsey and Roberts, Elders.

On Narrative

Perkins and Jones, Ministers

Wittraves, Elder

To examine Minutes of General Assembly

Hall and Van De Veer, Ministers

Winsay, Elder

The Stated Clerk reported an appeal of Mr. F. L. Reiniken, M.D. from a decision of Presbytery of West Jersey.

On motion it was put into the hands of Judicial Committee.

A collection for contingent expenses was taken up amounting to \$30.50.

Written reports handed in and referred, etc.

On motion it was resolved, that the next stated meeting of Synod be held at Millesparre on the 1st. Wednesday after the 3rd Tuesday in October 1848 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Rev. Chas. F. Inaris was appointed to preach the sermon on Missions on the 2nd evening of the meeting of Synod and that the Rev. Mr. Thomas Clarke be his alternate.

The committee on Religious Exercises made the following report which was adopted, viz., (A).

The following statement and resolutions were presented and on motion adopted an expression of the sentiments of this Synod in regard to the subject embraced in them, viz., (B).

On motion Dr. J. J. Hunt, Dr. Junkin, Janeway, Murray and Van Kenesslaer a committee to devise ways and means for procuring the documents, necessary to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

The Stated Clerk reported the receipt of a report from Rev. Mr. Baird who was appointed to represent this Synod at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in London.

On motion the report was ordered to be placed among the archives of the Synod of New Jersey.

On motion it was ordered that the Stated Clerk make up the Synodical Report and transmit it to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod convened and proceeded to business.

Committee on Minutes of General Assembly reported by reading extracts from said Minutes.

The Stated Clerk and Dr. Murray were appointed a committee to publish such extracts from the Minutes of Synod as they may deem advisable in the Presbyterian and New York Observer.

Rev. Dr. Powell, agent of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association addressed the Synod on the object of said association, viz., "The proper observance of the Sabbath:"

Whereupon it was Resolved, that the Synod have heard with great pleasure the statements made by Dr. Powell and that the object of the Association which he represents meets the cordial approbation of this body. Drs. Janeway, Studiford and Williamson, Ministers, Messrs. G. Smith and J. Schenck were appointed a committee to consider and report on this subject.

Resolved

Rev. Dr. Harned of Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and gave reasons, etc.

The committee on benevolent contributions made report which was accepted and is as follows, viz., (C).

The minority of committee also presented the following report which was accepted (D).

The committee of the majority was adopted.

It was ordered that the report be published by the Stated Clerk in a circular and furnished each pastor and Session.

Rev. Messrs. McLean, Richards, and Vigil of the Evangelical Lutheran Church being present was invited to-

The Judicial Committee reported in appeal of Dr. John F. Heiniken, from the Presbytery of West Jersey. The appeal or complaint they have found to be in order and recommend that the appeal be taken up and in the following order.

1. Sentence appealed from
2. The reasons assigned for the appeal
3. Minutes of Presbytery
4. Hearing the original parties
5. To hear the members of Presbytery

(E)

J.J. Jeneway, Chairman.

The report was accepted and the appeal was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Mr. Machan and Mr. D.V. McLean having read before Synod, papers concerning our present war with Mexico- it was moved that Mr. Machan's paper be submitted to a committee to consider and report thereon-

After some discussion- on motion the whole subject was laid on the table.

The narrative of the state of Religion was read by the Chairman of the committee- It was adopted and is as follows- (F).

Synod took recess until 7 o'clock.

After recess Synod met and the Synodical Prayer Meeting was conducted according to previous arrangement.

The committee on Minutes of General Assembly made the following report which was accepted, viz., (G).

The committee appointed to devise ways and means to secure the acquisition and publication of documents concerning the History of the Church reported that they have collected and handed to Mr. Webster funds sufficient to secure this object.

The Moderator having decided that the motion to lay on the table, did not include the paper read by Mr. D.V. McLean on the war with Mexico, inasmuch as said paper was not by motion regularly before the house at the time an appeal was taken from the Moderator's decision on the appeal was sustained.

The Synod adjourned to tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning 8:30 O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

Committee on leave of absence reported that they have granted leave of absence to Dr. Kirkpatrick, Machan, Rev. Messrs. Gartner, H. T. Hunt, Jr., Street and Wiley, Ministers and Messrs. Barber, Long, Scudder, Phillips, Irgen and Lum, Elders.

Dr. Janeway, Prof. Mason, D.V. McLean, Rev. Wolfe and V. n. Kenschler, Ministers and W. Wilson and W. C. Morris were appointed a committee to inquire whether under the existing circumstances in which the Synod finds itself placed by the general suspension of divine influence and the present calamity of war existing it is not expedient to recommend to our churches the observance of a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Committee on Treasurer's Accounts report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find that there is a balance due the Synod of \$.

Committee on Minutes of West Jersey reported approved as far as written.

The time having arrived for the order of the day which was the appeal of Dr. J.P.D. Heiniken from the Presbytery of West Jersey- Synod proceeded to take up and issue the appeal according to the order recommended by the Judicial Committee.

The Moderator reminded members of Synod of their high responsibility as Judges in account of Js. AL.

On inquiry it was found that the original parties were all present.

The sentence appealed from, the report assigned for the appeal, the Minutes of the Presbytery and the Minutes of the Session of Church Columbus were successively read.

Rev. Dr. J.P. Hunt was appointed counsel for the appellant.

The original parties, viz., were then fully heard.

The original parties having declared themselves as fully heard then withdrew from the house.

Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock.

2:00 p.m. After recess Synod met.

Committee on Minutes of Presbytery of Luzerne reported approved as far as written. Susquehanna, ditto and Mariton, ditto.

The appeal of Mr. Heinikin was taken up. On motion D.V. McLean and Mr. Murray, Ministers and Mr. Connelly, Elder were appointed a committee to bring in a minute on this subject after conferring with the parties.

Committee on Minutes of Presbytery of Blounts Form reported that they be approved as far as written.

Resolved, that the complaint of Mr. Heiniken against the decision of the Presbytery of New Jersey be the same is hereby sustained with the consent of parties and without expressing any opinions as to the constitutionality of the proceedings of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The original parties consenting were understood to be the Stated supply, Rev. Mr. Scott and Mr. Heiniken.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the Janitor's bill amounting to \$5.00 and a bill for Stationery amounting to \$2.30.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Toston for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body during its sessions.

The Presbyteries were called on for their reports on the contributions to benevolent objects by the churches within their bounds. When the following reports were handed in, viz., (5).

Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock.

After recess Synod met.

Committee appointed to report upon the expediency of recommending a day of fasting and prayer in the view of the present circumstances of the Synod made the following report which was accepted (I).

On motion the whole subject was laid on the table.

The subject of contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions recommended by the General Assembly was taken up.

On motion Rev. W. Bennett, agent of the Association of Board of Missions, addressed the Synod on this subject.

Committee appointed to consider the subject of observance of the Sabbath made the following report which was accepted, amended and adopted (3).

Drs. January, Devison and Alder Fortune appointed a committee under the 2nd resolution.

On motion it was resolved, that in the judgment of this Synod the recommendation of the General Assembly on the subject of Christian Education, viz., that immediate and strenuous exertions should be made as far as practicable by every congregation to establish within its bounds one or more primary schools, under the care of the session of the church in which to other with the usual branches of secular learning, the truths and duties of our holy Religion shall be assiduously inculcated, should be complied with.

It was moved that the report of the committee on day of fasting be again taken up and the eyes and nose on this question being ordered the following was the order of Synod, viz., 24 yeas- 37 nays so that the Synod refused to take up the report.

On motion the following protest was ordered to be placed upon the Minutes of Synod, viz., against the above decision the undersigned may leave to enter their solemn protest and so bear their testimony against what they deem an erroneous judgment, W. Devison, M. D. Wain, J. S. Halsey, Secretary, M. D. Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at Wilkesbarre on 1st Wednesday after 3rd Sunday October 1848 at 7 o'clock P.M.
Closed with singing prayer and apostolic benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1847

No. 1 The following statement and resolutions were presented and on motion adopted, as expressive of the sentiment of this Synod, in regard to the subject embraced in them. viz:

The history of the church of Christ is at once interesting and important and ought to be preserved and studied as a means of promoting God's glory and the edification, warning and encouragement of his people. On this account each generation of believers ought to collate and transmit a faithful record of that part of the church's history which is best known to them. And in view of the remarkable providences of God attending the planting and the progress of the American churches, and of the probable influence which these churches are destined to exert upon the world, we deem the preservation of American Church history of great importance; and as the time is almost gone when many valuable materials for such a history will be accessible, every encouragement ought to be held out to those who are able and willing to encounter the toil of gathering and preserving these materials with a view to promote this desirable work, it is therefore,

Resolved. 1st. That in the estimation of this Synod, the historical sketches of early Presbyterian Ministers and churches in this land, which have been published in the Presbyterian, over the signature of K. N. are rare, original, interesting and valuable contributions to our church history, and evince a degree of ability and research which ought to be directed to results as permanent as they are valuable.

Resolved. 2nd. That the Rev. Brother, who is understood to be the author of these sketches (the Rev. Richard Webster,) be respectfully requested to prepare for publication, a volume embracing, as much of the early history of our church, as he may deem proper, at least, the early ministers and churches belonging to this Synod.

No. 2 The committee of Synod, on the subject of benevolent contributions by our churches to the Boards under the care of the General Assembly, beg leave to report.

That for the purpose of calling to their aid the wisdom and counsels of the Presbyteries under the care of the Synod, they addressed a circular to the Stated Clerks of the different Presbyteries early in the last spring, wishing answers to certain questions, and calling for such suggestions as the Presbyteries might see fit to make.

From the replies made by the Presbyteries, and from other sources, the committee learn that there are various plans of raising contributions existing to a limited extent in the various Presbyteries. Some churches take up monthly collections by collectors from all their members, and the amount is divided by the sessions according to their best judgment. Some churches have selected three, four or more societies, and take up collections for them at stated times either by plates or cards in the churches on the Sabbath, or by collectors going from house to house. Some employ agents, and some employ none. Some have no plan of any kind, but permit contributions to any object. The latter class are generally the poorer missionary churches, which erroneously conclude that they diminish their ability to support the gospel at home in the proportion they contribute to send it abroad.

The testimony is decided and emphatic as to the need of a plan of some kind. A plan faithfully worked will produce regular and usually increasing contributions, whilst churches without any plan make only occasional contributions, which vary in amount without being ever large. Upon this subject the excellent answer of the Presbytery of Newton to the committee says, "During the past year, nearly two thirds of the whole contributions from this Presbytery to the Boards of Missions and Education were made by the five churches in which system is adopted, and although these are of our largest and

most wealthy congregations, and although some of our other churches are by no means deficient, still there is great and manifest delinquency in the other churches, and it is to a great extent attributable to the want of system." The same reply states, "During the last year, eleven churches contributed to three of our Boards--five churches to two--six churches to one--and three churches made no contributions.

When the general efficiency of the Presbytery from which this statement comes is considered, it is no wonder that the Board of Foreign Missions, perhaps the most popular enterprise of the assembly, reports contributions from only 888 out of 2274 churches, 54 of which belong to the Synod.

There are a few facts connected with this great subject, which must be obvious to every mind. 1. But few comparatively of our ministers and churches are awake to the great importance of our position as a church of Christ, and to the responsibility pressing upon us to give the gospel as we receive it to every creature. 2. After all that has been done by our assembly, Synods and Presbyteries, so to organize the whole church as to call out the energies and contributions of each individual church, nearly one half of them are yet unreached. 3. All the plans yet devised by our ecclesiastical bodies have failed to accomplish their desired object. And as our duty to our own country and the world forbids us to rest until it can be said of all our churches, and communicants, they have done what they could, the question arises, can any other plan be suggested which will give any hope of reaching all our churches, which all our other plans have yet failed to do? This is the great question which has deeply interested the mind of your committee, and for which they have anxiously sought an answer.

Let us admit that there are 1000 of our churches that regularly contribute to our Boards--then there are 1274 that make no contribution. Subtract from that number 500 churches which have merely a nominal existence, or think themselves too poor to do anything save for themselves, then yet remain 774 churches that make no contribution. How can these be reached and induced annually and regularly to contribute?

The plan of the Free Church of Scotland has suggested itself to your committee, which is, to set apart certain Sabbaths in the year on which their different schemes are to be presented in all its churches, and contributions raised for them. Previous to that Sabbath a circular is sent from the Central committee in Edinburgh, stating their doings and wants, which is read from every pulpit, and thus doing the work of an agent. The necessary informations is given, and every church is called upon to contribute, each according to its ability. And out of nearly 800 churches under the care of that assembly, your committee is informed that not one has failed within the last year in making a contribution to each of its five schemes! And you committee is of the opinion that a plan which works so successfully in Scotland, with due modification to suit our circumstances, would work with equal success here..

For our assembly to adopt this entire plan for our whole church would be suicidal, covering as it does such a vast extent of territory. The Free Church of Scotland covers a territory but a little larger than does this Synod, and almost its every church may be reached from the capital in a day. Our circumstances are so different that we cannot reason from the one to the other, nor wiser from the doings of one assembly what may be the duty of the other.

But what can be the objection to the adopting of this plan by our Synods and Presbyteries? Your committee can see none of sufficient weight to forbid its trial by this Synod; and they would therefore recommend that it enjoin it upon all our pastors, stated supplies and sessions to take up contributions in all our churches in the following order:

- For Foreign Missions, on the 2nd Sabbath in January.
- For the Board of Missions, on the 2nd Sabbath in October.
- For the Board of Education, on the 2nd Sabbath in April.

If either of these should be the communion Sabbath in any of our churches, then the Synod enjoin that the collection be taken up on the preceding Sabbath; if because of stormy weather, or other providential circumstances, it would not be expedient to make the collection then the Synod enjoin that it be taken up on the subsequent Sabbath.

And the committee also recommend that the different Boards of our churches be informed of this arrangement, and that they be requested to forward a brief abstract of their doings and wants to each pastor and church session within our bounds in sufficient time to be read from all our pulpits on the specified Sabbaths.

They also recommend that it be enjoined on each Presbytery to take such action as will secure the faithful carrying out of this plan in all their churches, and to make report as to its effects at each meeting of Synod, under the hand of their Stated Clerks in their annual statistical reports, and to report to Synod the delinquent pastors and churches.

This plan is recommended,

1. By its entire simplicity which is necessary to the well working of any plan. It leaves the way and manner of making the collections to each pastor and session, and fixes only the time.
2. It gives a plan and a time to those whose inactivity or indifference prevents them from ever forming a plan or fixing a time.
3. It secures the making of a statement annually to all our churches of the doings and wants of their Boards.
4. If faithfully carried out, it will secure an annual collection from all our churches without the labor or expense of agencies.
5. It secures the supervision of the whole subject of contributions by the Presbyteries and the report of the faithfulness or delinquencies of the churches annually to the Synod.

6. It interferes with no existing plan in any of our churches save to ask that they may be accommodated to the specified times for the sake of the general good which a uniform time promises.

The Rev. Luther E. Van Doren, one of the committee on the subject of benevolent contributions by our churches to the Boards under the care of the General Assembly, presented the following report as expressive of the views of the minority of the committee, which was accepted.

The minority of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to report upon the subject of collections in our churches for benevolent objects would respectfully report, that from the whole tenor of our holy religion, and from the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master, it is the bounden duty of every professed follower of the Saviour of men both to pray for, and to give as the Lord prospers him towards every benevolent and Christian charity, and since it is admitted that union and light are greatly needed upon this subject to perfect a system for the whole church, and since our chart declares, if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, and all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, we therefore with reverence ask "Lord, what will thou have us to do?" Your committee would most respectfully recommend the Lord's plan--the same method ordered through an inspired apostle not only to the churches of Galatia and the churches of Corinth, but also tall saints that in every plan call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and we humbly professing to belong to that chosen number, must admit it addressed to us also. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

1. Here then we have divine authority and command that collections be taken, and offerings and alms be stored by the churches.

2. The time is specified, and pointed out when these alms and offerings should by the churches be laid up in store. Upon the first day of the week lay by in store.

3. Who the persons are that should give? Answer. Let every one of you, and so do you.

4. The rule and measure to regulate the gift or offering as God hath prospered you.

The different objects of Christian benevolence which claim the attention of our churches may be divided into two classes--of primary and secondary interest. The objects of primary interest demanding the especial prayers and alms of the churches are Foreign Missions--Domestic Missions--Board of Education,--Church Extension and Parochial Schools. Those of secondary interest are the Bible Society, American Tract Society, especially in its Colporteur efforts, our own church's Board of Publication and its similar efforts, the Protestant Evangelical Society, the Theological seminaries, the Seaman's Friends Society, our own poor church members, other poor saints, including infirm, aged or worn out missionaries and ministers, with their widows and unprovided for orphan children and Sabbath Schools. The minority of the committee recommend that this Synod enjoin it upon each pastor and stated supply to embrace the first opportunity afforded in the Providence of God to make known to their congregation the claims of these different objects and to preach to their people upon the 1st and 2nd verses of the 16th chapter of 1st Corinthians and enforce its duties.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

L. H. Van Doren.

No. 3 The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly reported that,

1. The assembly replied to the Overture of this Synod on the subject of Parochial Schools by a resolution that at the whole subject had been committed to the Board of Education, no further action is call for.

2. The assembly calls upon the Synods and Presbyteries to take such measures as may seem to them best calculated to secure the largest contributions to the Board of Missions.

3. The assembly calls upon all the Synods and Presbyteries to take the subject of Christian Education under consideration, and to devise and execute whatever measures they may deem most appropriate for securing the establishment of Parochial and Presbyterian Schools in our bounds.

No. 4 Whereas it appears from the reports of the Presbyteries belonging to this Synod, that although the Synod have reason to be grateful to the Head of the church for the prosperity of their churches in sundry respects yet the converting influences of the Holy Spirit have been, in a great measure withheld; whereas our beloved country is involved in a bloody war with a neighboring republic and our fond anticipations of a speedy peace have been sadly disappointed; whereas a state of war, whether offensive or defensive is to be regarded as a just chastisement or punishment of our sins both national and individual, inflicted by the Supreme Ruler of the nations; whereas serious and mournful calamities have already been brought upon the people with whom we are contending, as well as on ourselves; and whereas a state of war is always greatly demoralizing in its influence, therefore, Resolved.

In view of these premises, this Synod, deeming themselves and their churches called upon to humble themselves before Almighty God, do hereby recommend to all their churches to observe the Second Thursday of November next, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and that all the ministers of this Synod preach to their respective churches on the Evils specified above, urging them to confess their sins and the sins of the nation--to humble themselves before God--to implore forgiveness of the sins that have provoked his displeasure, and which have led him to withdraw the reviving and converting influences of the Holy Spirit; and to entreat him so to dispose the hearts of this nation and the hearts of the nation with which we are contending, that a speedy peace may be brought about on just and equitable terms.

No. 5 The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the due observance of the Sabbath as presented by the Rev. Mr. Powell, report that in addition to the resolution already adopted, they deem it proper to state, that on inquiring they learn with much satisfaction that the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, have for several years past prohibited labour on that canal on the Sabbath, and that in a published letter of their President, he has stated that the observance of the Sabbath has contributed to the improvement of the morals of the persons employed in labour on their canal, and advanced the Company's pecuniary interest--that recently the Lehigh Canal and the Morris Canal, and nine Collier roads, (162 miles in length) in Pennsylvania have ceased to profane the Lord's day and that the steam boats on the Long Island Sound, as well as the Rail Roads in New England do not carry the mails on that holy day. They are also gratified to learn that the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania canal--the Delaware and Chesapeake canal--the Morris and Essex and the Elizabethtown and Somerville Rail Roads are not used on the Sabbath. It appears from these facts that a sound salutary public opinion on the importance of a due observance of the Sabbath is advancing in our country.

In order in promoting such a public opinion still further in the community, the committee recommend that the Synod adopt the following resolutions.

1. Resolved, That the ministers belonging to this Synod be directed on some Sabbath of the year, at their descretion to preach on the due sanctification of the Lord's day, and that those ministers whose congregations are near to the canals and the Rail Roads which continue to profane the Sabbath, by using them on that day, expose the sin of thus desecrating the Sabbath in violation of the laws of both God and man.

2. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider what further measures may be adopted to form a sound and correct public opinion on the origin, design and vast importance of the Sabbath to the best interests of mankind, both here and hereafter, and to report to the Synod at their next meeting.

3. Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all the Presbyteries of this Synod to take order on this Subject and enquire of every minister and session whether due attention be paid to the disciplining of church members for all violations of the fourth commandment, and to enforce the same to the end that the church herself may keep her own skirts clean.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1847

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod Of New Jersey that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 23 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report to the Synod that on the 21st of October 1846, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Oliver St. John to the church at Elizabethport-that on the 9th of November they received the Rev. J. T. Marshall Davie from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the next day installed him Pastor of the church in New Providence-that on the 5th of January 1847, they received Mr. Joseph Mc Murray a licentiate under their care from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day, ordained him to the work of the Gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the church at Mount Freedom-that on the 7th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Oliver St. John to the Presbytery of Newton-that on the 8th of June, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. J. T. Marshall Davie to the church of New Providence, and on the 1st of July, dismissed him to join the Presbytery of North River that on the 7th day of July, Mr. William P. Johnson, a licentiate under their care, departed this life-that on the 28th of July, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Alexander R. Thompson to the 1st church of Morristown-that on the 6th of October, they received the Rev. Edward H. Reinhart from the Presbytery of Steuben-and the Rev. Jonas Denton from the Presbytery of Wooster-and on the same day, dismissed the Rev. Alexander R. Thompson to join the South classis of Long Island.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES W. HUNTING, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 38 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Congregations, 16 Licentiates and 14 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 13th of October 1846, they dismissed Mr. Elias Hearon, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Houston-that on the 2nd of November, they dismissed Mr. James V. Sorance, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Tennessee-that on the 6th of the same month they dismissed Mr. Beverly T. Lacy, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester-that on the 14th of December, they dismissed Mr. E. W. Larkin, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie-that on the 2nd of February 1847, they dismissed Mr. Joseph L. Hencock, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore, and on the same day received under their care Mr. Thomas H. Dinsmore, a candidate from the Presbytery of Washington, and also, on the same day took under their care William H. Ruffner, J. K. Lyle, J. R. Shive, David Sanderson, Hugh P. Gardiner, Hamilton Ballentine, and Henry W. Taylor as Candidates for the holy ministry-that on the 3rd of the same month they dismissed Mr. Charles Forman a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ebenezer, that on the 5th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. William P. Greedy, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hopewell-that on the 27th of April, they dismissed Mr. E. K. Todd, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin-and Mr. Wm. V. Ruffner a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lexington-that on the same day they received the Rev. Matthew B. Hope from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and took under their care Mr. R. G. Williams, William W. McNair, Lewis McNeely, William H. Kirk and John E. Emerson, as candidates for the holy ministry. They also report the name of the 2nd church of Upper Freehold was changed, by an act of the Legislature of New Jersey to that of Millstone-that on the 28th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D. to the Congregation of Princeton, and on the same day licensed Messrs. Samuel D. Alexander, A. Alexander Rice, Henry B. Niles, Thomas H. Dinsmore, James Kirk, James B. Harberson, Henry V. Robertson, R. G. Williams, and Robinson P. Dunn to preach the gospel -that on the 11th of May, they

ordained Mr. A. Alexander Hodge, to the work of the Gospel Ministry, as he was about to go out as a Foreign Missionary that on the 7th of June they organized a church at Leedsville, and one also at New Egypt-that on the 5th of October, they received the Rev. Isaac Van Doren from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and dismissed Mr. Jeremiah N. Taylor to connect himself with the Episcopal South Association of Massachusetts-that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Wlyman P. Rodgers to join the Presbytery of Newark-and received under their care Mr. David Barr and Mr. Martin Allen as Candidates for the holy ministry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ELI F. COLEBY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Congregations, 4 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that subsequently to the date of their last annual report to the Synod, they received intelligence of the decease of the Rev. Thomas Wilson, who died at Lincoe in Africa, on the 8th of September 1846-that on the 27th of April 1847, they received the Rev. Jehiel Talmage, from the Presbytery of Taritan-and the Rev. Alexander McCanless from the Presbytery of Redstone-that on the 28th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Charles Milne, to join the Presbytery of Hudson-that on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Isaac S. Davison and the church and Congregation of Fox Will, and on the same day licensed Mr. Cornelius R. Lane to preach the gospel-that on the 3rd of August, they received the Rev. Charles M. Oakley from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 4th of August, they received the Rev. Nathaniel Conkling from the Presbytery of Carwfordsville, and on the same day licensed Messrs. George Heckman and James F. Miller to preach the gospel-that on the 24th of August, they in-

stalled the Rev. Charles M. Oakley, as pastor of the congregation of Fox Hill-that on the 5th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Isaac S. Davison to join the Presbytery of New York, and on the same day, received the Rev. Oliver St. John from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES MC WILLIAM, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Baritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 12 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 20th of April, 1847, they dismissed the Rev. Jehiel Talmage to join the Presbytery of Newton-that on the 21st of April, they licensed Messrs. William Brugh, Peter C. Talmage and J. G. Richeldaffer to preach the gospel-and that on the 16th of June, they ordained Mr. George W. Burrough, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER C. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Congregations, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 3rd of February they dismissed the Rev. Owen Brown to connect himself with the Oneida Association-and on the same day, received the Rev. Francis D. Ladd from the Franklin Association of Maine-that on the 4th of February they erased the name of Gordon P. Fowler from their list of Candidates, he having been, in the Providence of God, prevented from pursuing his studies-that on the 10th of the same month they organized a church at Silon Lake, and on the same day installed the Rev. Francis D.

Ladd pastor thereof-that on the 16th of June they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles C. Corss and the church of Athens, and on the same day received under their care Mr. Philander Camp as a candidate from the Presbytery of West Hanover-that on the 1st of September, they ordained Mr. Thomas Thomas, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist.

All which is respectfully submitted.
BY order of Presbytery.
JULIUS POWNER, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Congregations, 1 Licentiate and 10 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October 1846, they received the Rev. Giles Manwaring from the Presbytery of New York-and on the 13th day of April, 1847 installed him pastor of the church of Camden-that on the 21st of April 1847, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Samuel Lawrence and the church of Greenwich-that on the 27th of June 1847, they organized a church at Gloucester city, in the county of Camden-that on the 6th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John F. Rogers and the church of Woodbury, and upon the same day received the Rev. Ephraim D. Sanders from the Presbytery of West Hanover and took under their care, Mr. Theodore S. Cuyler, a licentiate from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
SAMUEL BRACH JONES, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Congregations, 1 Licentiate and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 20th of April 1847, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. J. D. Mitchell to the church of Kingston, and on the 2nd of June, installed the Rev. N. Grier Parke pastor of the church of Lackawanna, and on the same day received Mr. Benjamin F. Bittinger from the Presbytery of Baltimore-that on the same day, they took under their care the church of Wyoming and the Central

Church of Pottsville, which had been organized by their order, and on the same day dismissed Mr. John Brown a Candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Blairsville.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.



